

***Clinical Laboratory Improvement Service (CLIS)***  
**Proficiency Testing Program (PT Program)**

**Useful for:** Compliance with proficiency testing requirements of both state (New Jersey State Sanitary Code, Chapter IV Laboratories, Regulation 5(a) and federal (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 , CLIA '88) clinical laboratory rules.

These rules mandate all state licensed or federally certified laboratories participate in approved PT surveys in all areas for which they are licensed or certified and that are deemed available. The Department's PT Program is approved by both HCFA and COLA for compliance by CLIA certified laboratories. CLIA certified laboratories limited to performing test designated as "waived" are exempt from these requirements.

**Enrollment:** A brochure and enrollment form for currently available proficiency testing surveys may be obtained by contacting the CLIS office at 609-530-6172. It contains a full range of surveys to accommodate the needs of a wide spectrum of laboratories ranging from the physician office to the full-service hospital. Review this brochure and enroll in the most appropriate survey(s) to meet the level of service provided patients.

***Available Specialties/Subspecialties:***

Microbiology  
Diagnostic Immunology  
Endocrinology

Chemistry  
Toxicology  
Hematology  
Coagulation  
Immunohematology  
Urinalysis  
Microscopy

**Laboratory Performance Evaluation:** Following participation in a CLIS PT survey, the laboratory will receive an evaluated copy of the results they submitted to the program. It will indicate both an overall score for the survey and, when applicable, a score for each analyte in the survey which is the analyte score. In addition to the participant's personal evaluation, a summary report of the entire survey is compiled to provide the participant an opportunity to compare their results with those of other methods or instruments. When indicated by the participant , the laboratory's scores will be forwarded to HCFA as required of PT providers under CLIA '88. If a laboratory has chosen to obtain CLIA accreditation through a deemed status organization a copy of the participant's performance evaluation will be provided, if required, to the accrediting agency.

**Charge:** There is no registration fee required for the Department's PT Program. However, the PT brochure available from CLIS includes all currently mandated areas of proficiency testing and their accompanying enrollment fees.